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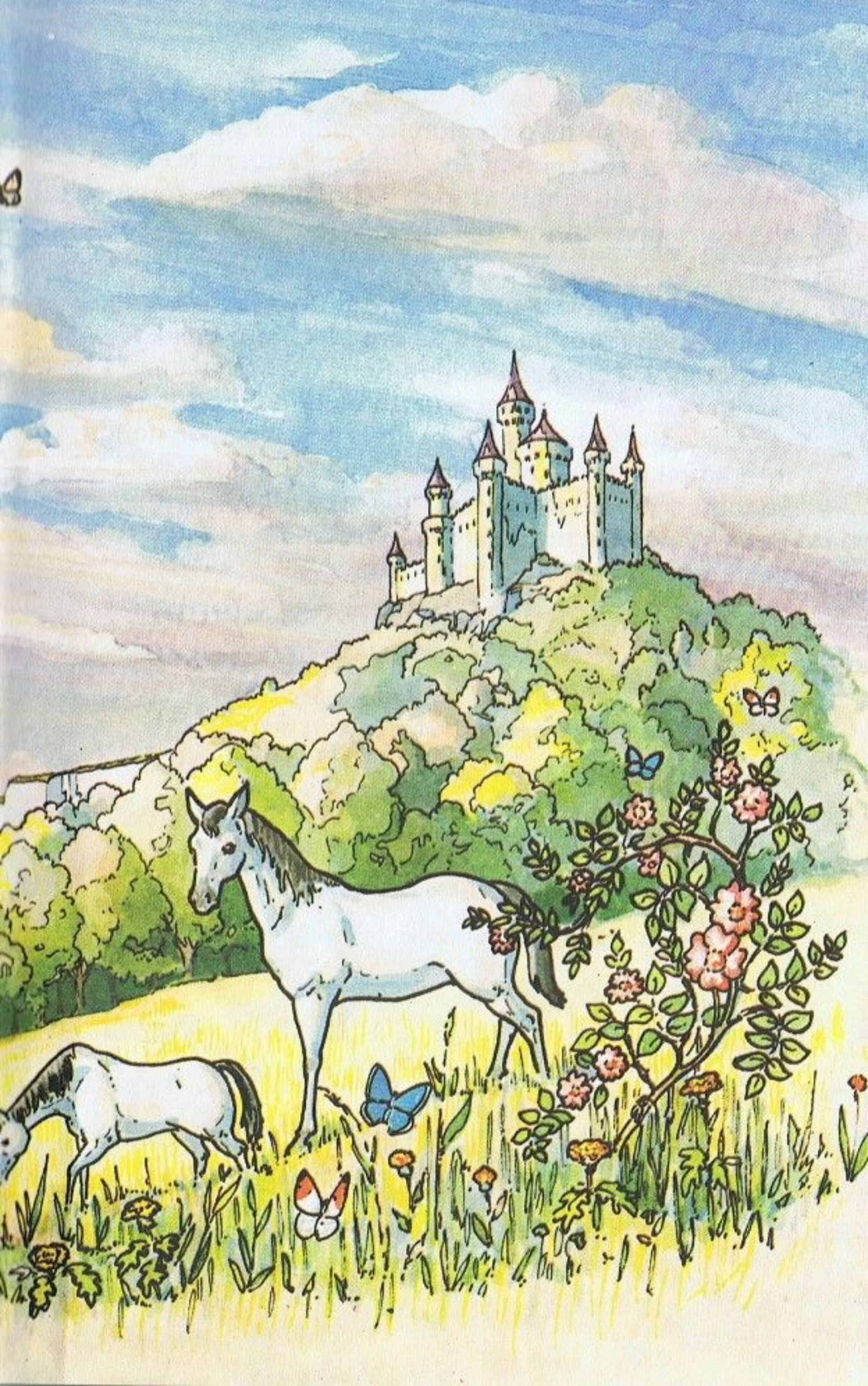
Town Mouse and Country Mouse



Grade 2







To read fluently is one of the basic aims of anyone learning English as a foreign language. **And it's never too early to start.** Ladybird Graded Readers are interesting but simple stories designed to encourage children between the ages of 6 and 10 to read with pleasure.

Reading is an excellent way of reinforcing language already acquired, as well as broadening a child's vocabulary. Ladybird Graded Readers use a limited number of grammatical structures and a carefully controlled vocabulary, but where the story demands it, a small number of words outside the basic vocabulary are introduced. In ***Town Mouse and Country Mouse*** the following words are outside the basic vocabulary for this grade:

**carpet, cleaner, Christmas, climb,
country, mouse, noisy, parcel, park**

Further details of the structures and vocabulary used at each grade can be found in the Ladybird Graded Readers leaflet.

A list of books in the series can be found on the back cover.

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Town Mouse and Country Mouse

written by Sue Ullstein

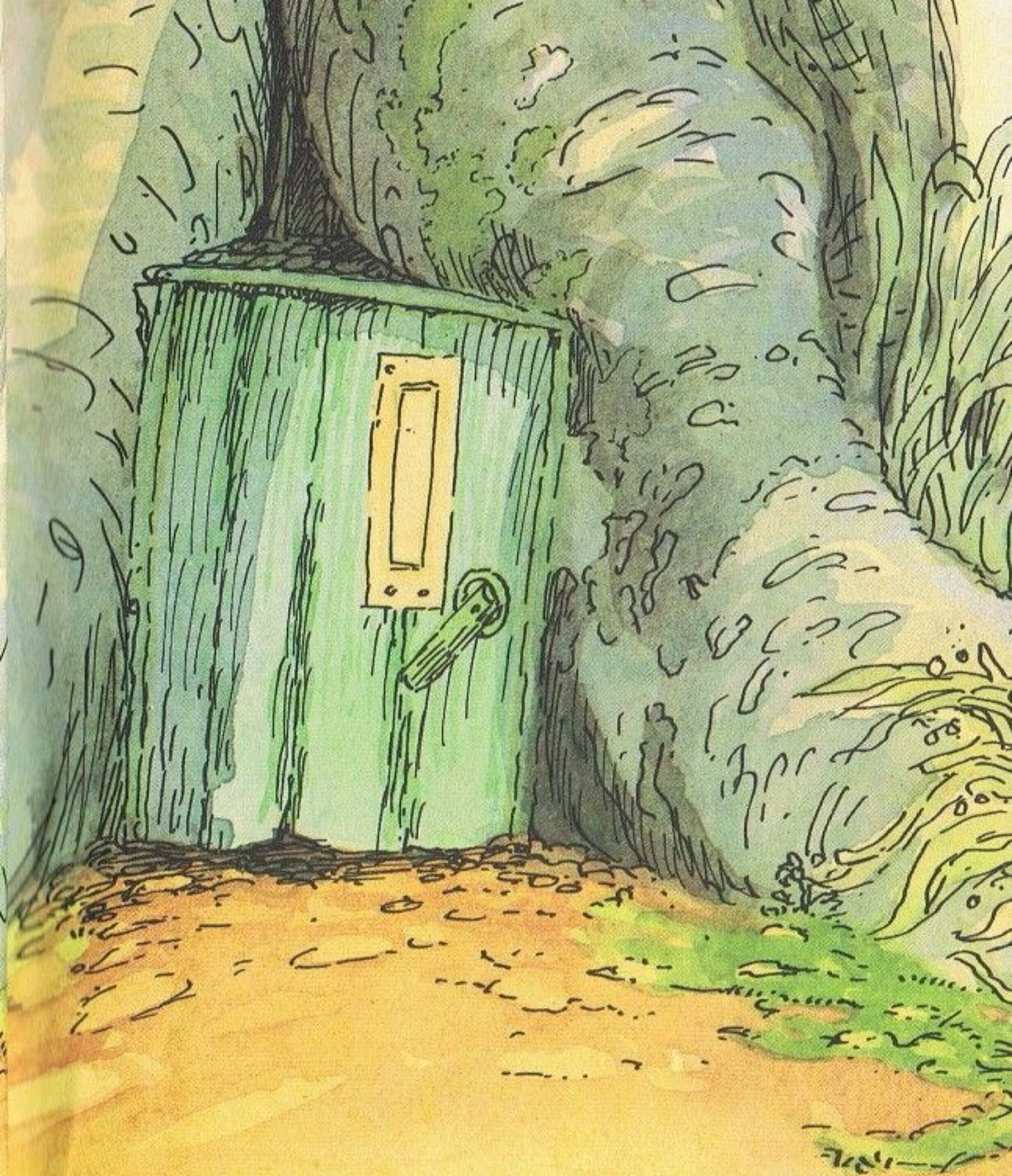
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Ladybird Books



This is Country
Mouse. He lives in
the country.

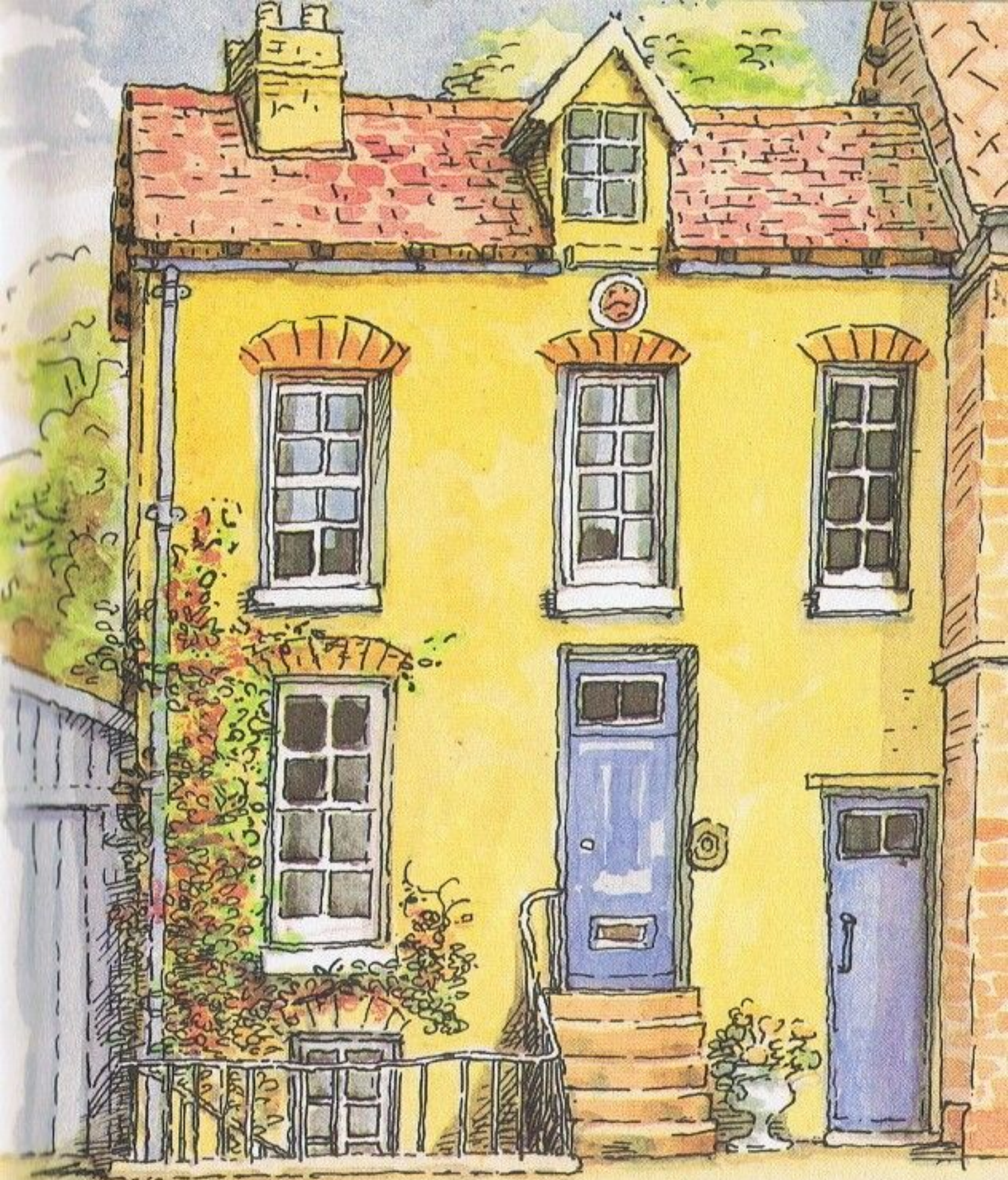




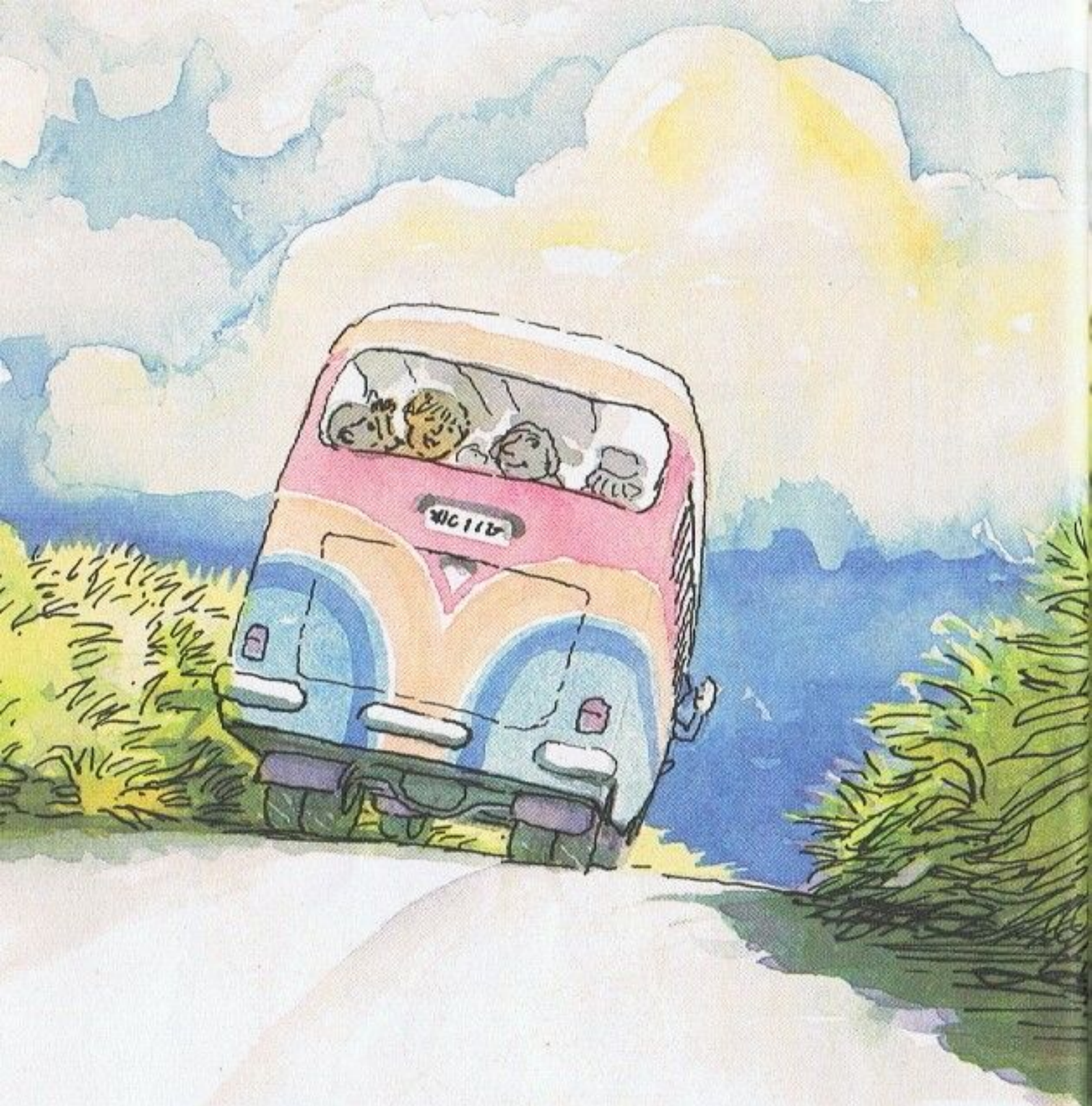
His home is in a
tree.

This is Town Mouse.
He lives in the town.





His home is in a house.



Town Mouse comes to
the country. He wants
to stay with Country
Mouse.



Country Mouse says,
"I like the country."



It's quiet. You'll be
happy here, Town Mouse."

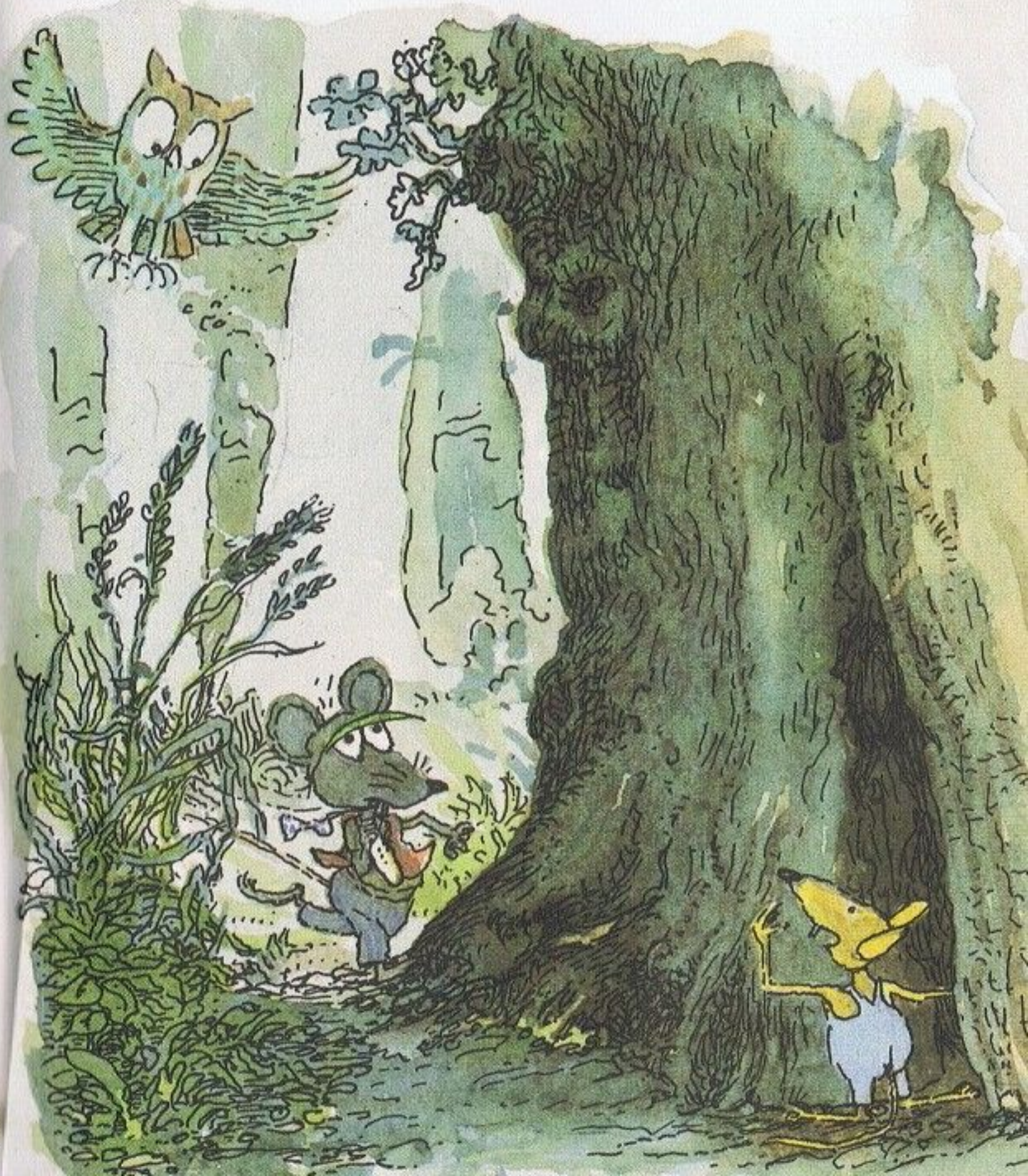




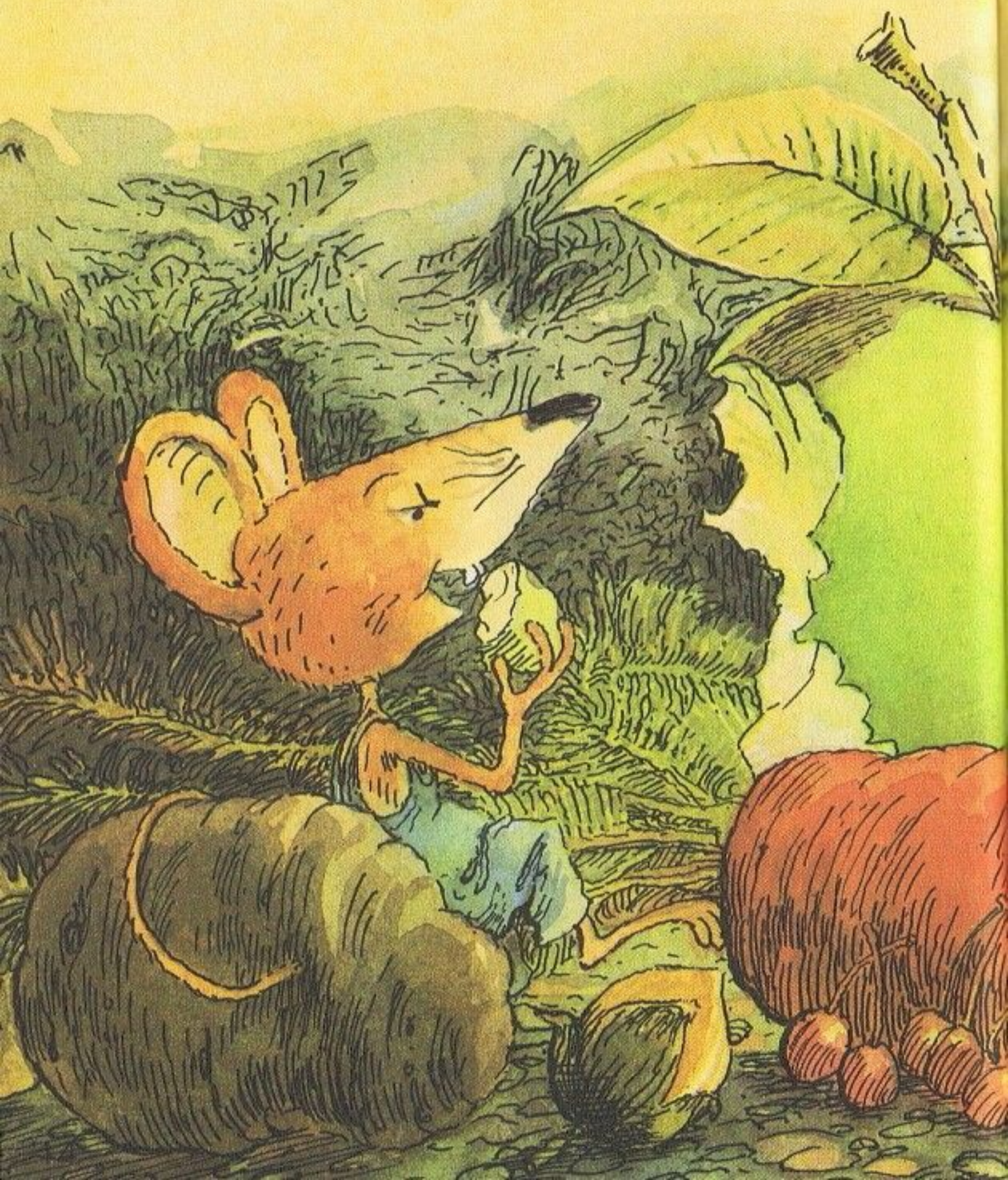
This owl wants to
catch Town Mouse and
Country Mouse. They
run away.



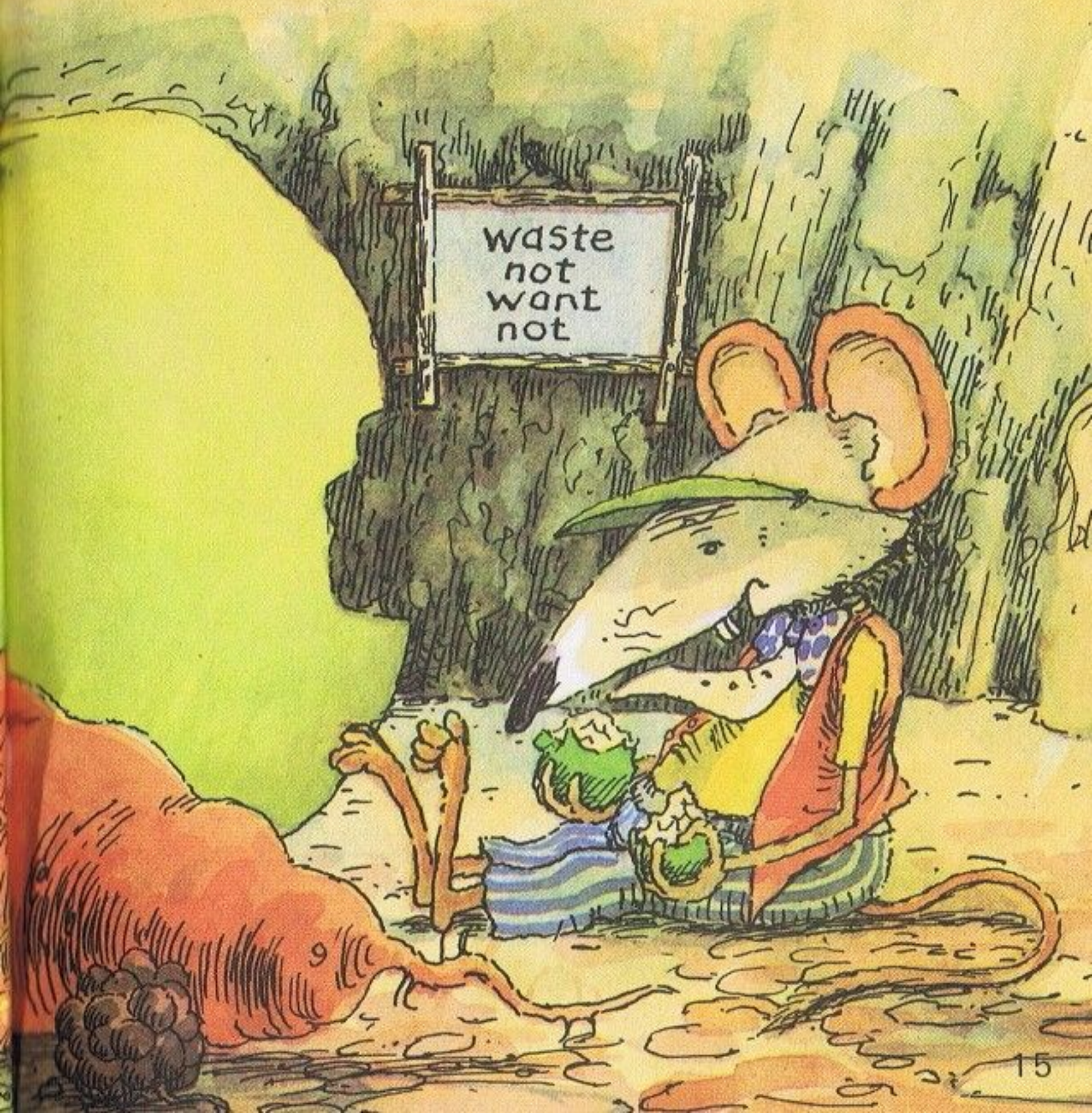
Country Mouse says,
"Come into this tree,
Town Mouse! Hurry! Hurry!"



Country Mouse and Town
Mouse have supper.



Town Mouse says,
"I don't like this food.
It isn't like the food
in the town."





Country Mouse and
Town Mouse go to bed.



Town Mouse says,
“I don’t like this bed.
It isn’t like my bed
in the town.”



Town Mouse tells Country Mouse, "It's too quiet here. I can't sleep!"





The next day Country
Mouse is looking for
food.

“Come and help me,”
he says.

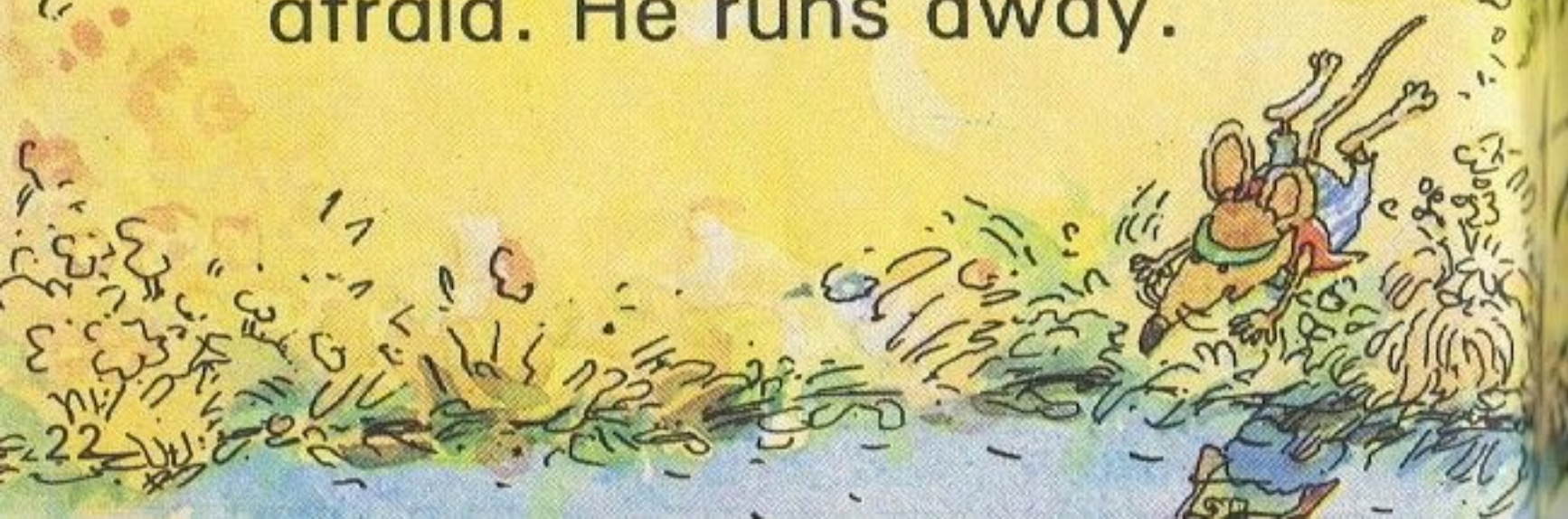




"No," Town Mouse says.
"In the town we have
shops. We can buy
food."

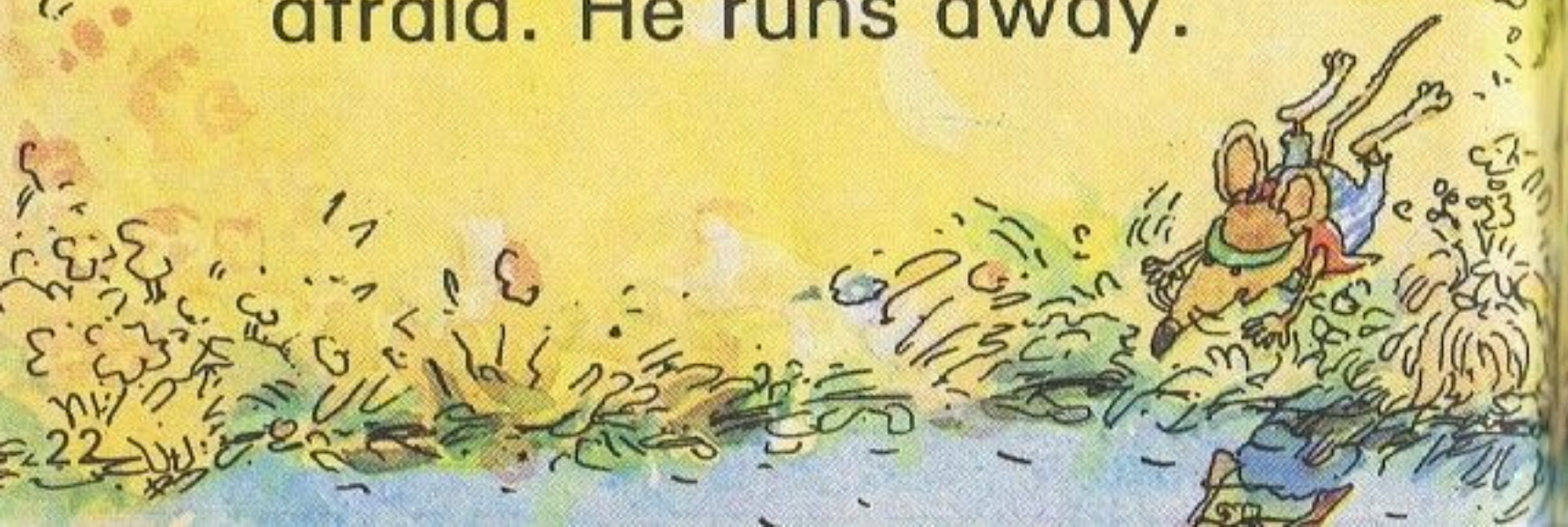


Then Town Mouse sees
some horses. He is
afraid. He runs away.

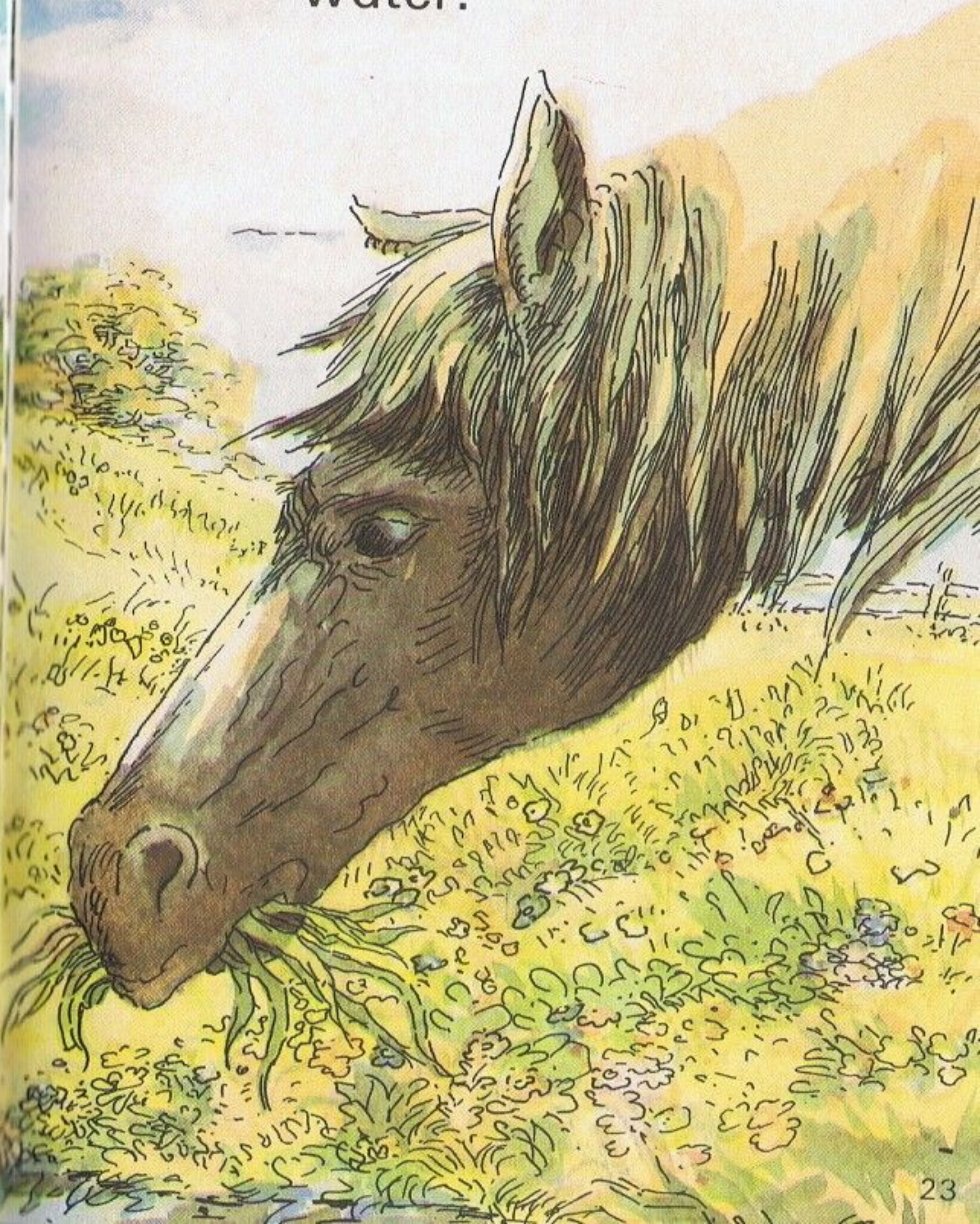




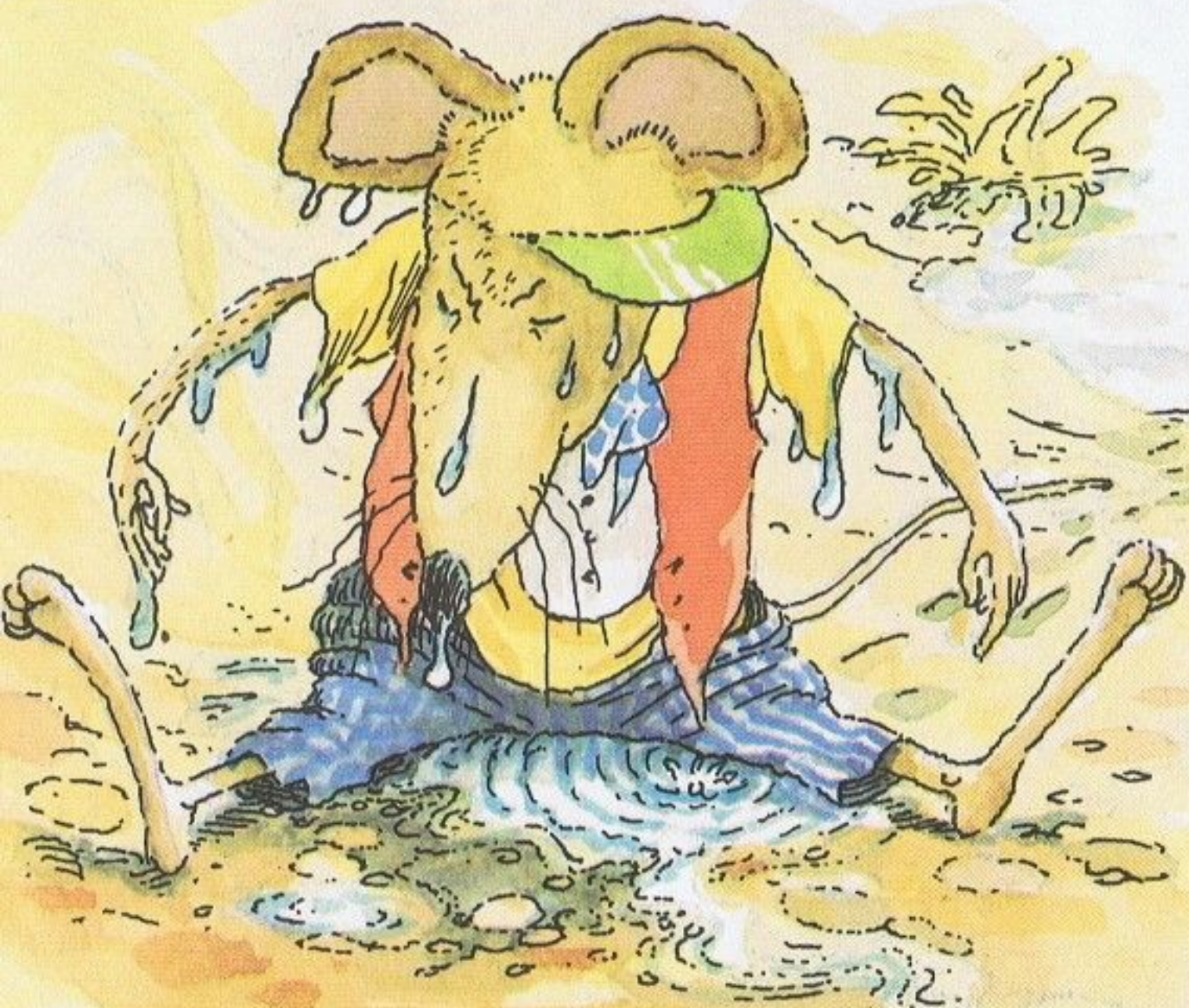
Then Town Mouse sees
some horses. He is
afraid. He runs away.



He jumps into the
water.



Town Mouse says,
“I don’t like the country.
I want to go home.





We don't have horses in
the town."



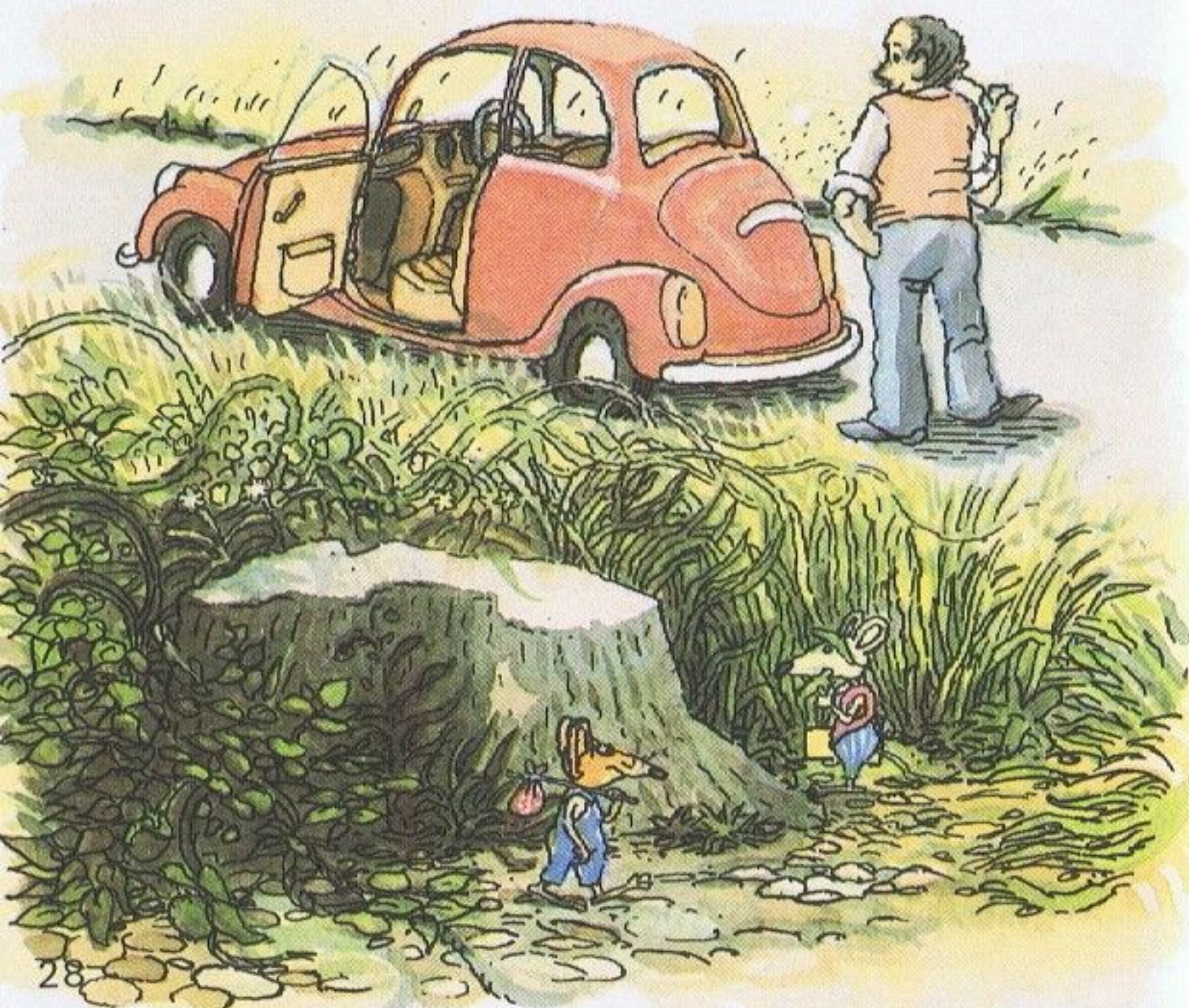
"Come with me to the town, Country Mouse," Town Mouse says.

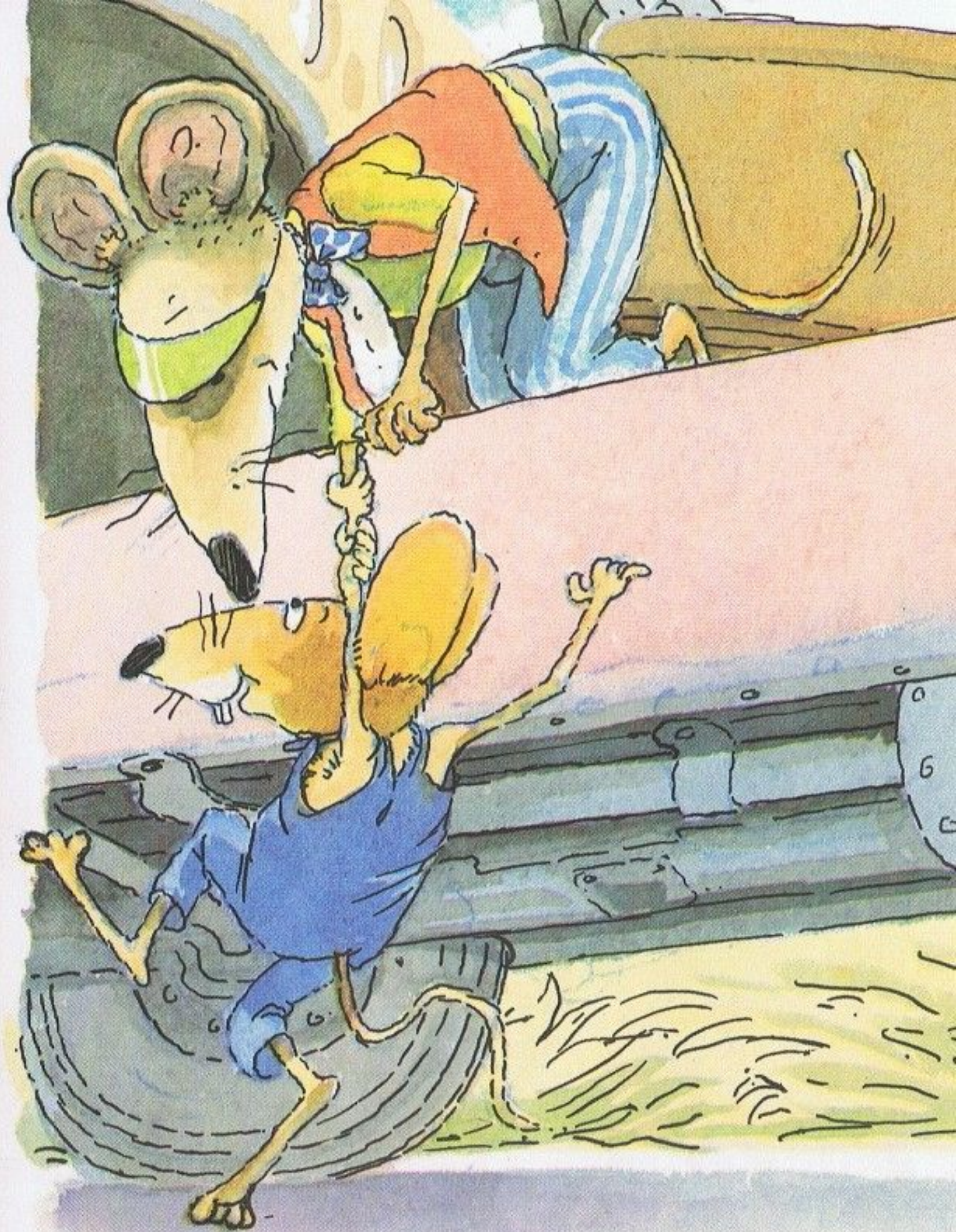


“We can go to the shops
in the town.”

Town Mouse sees a car.

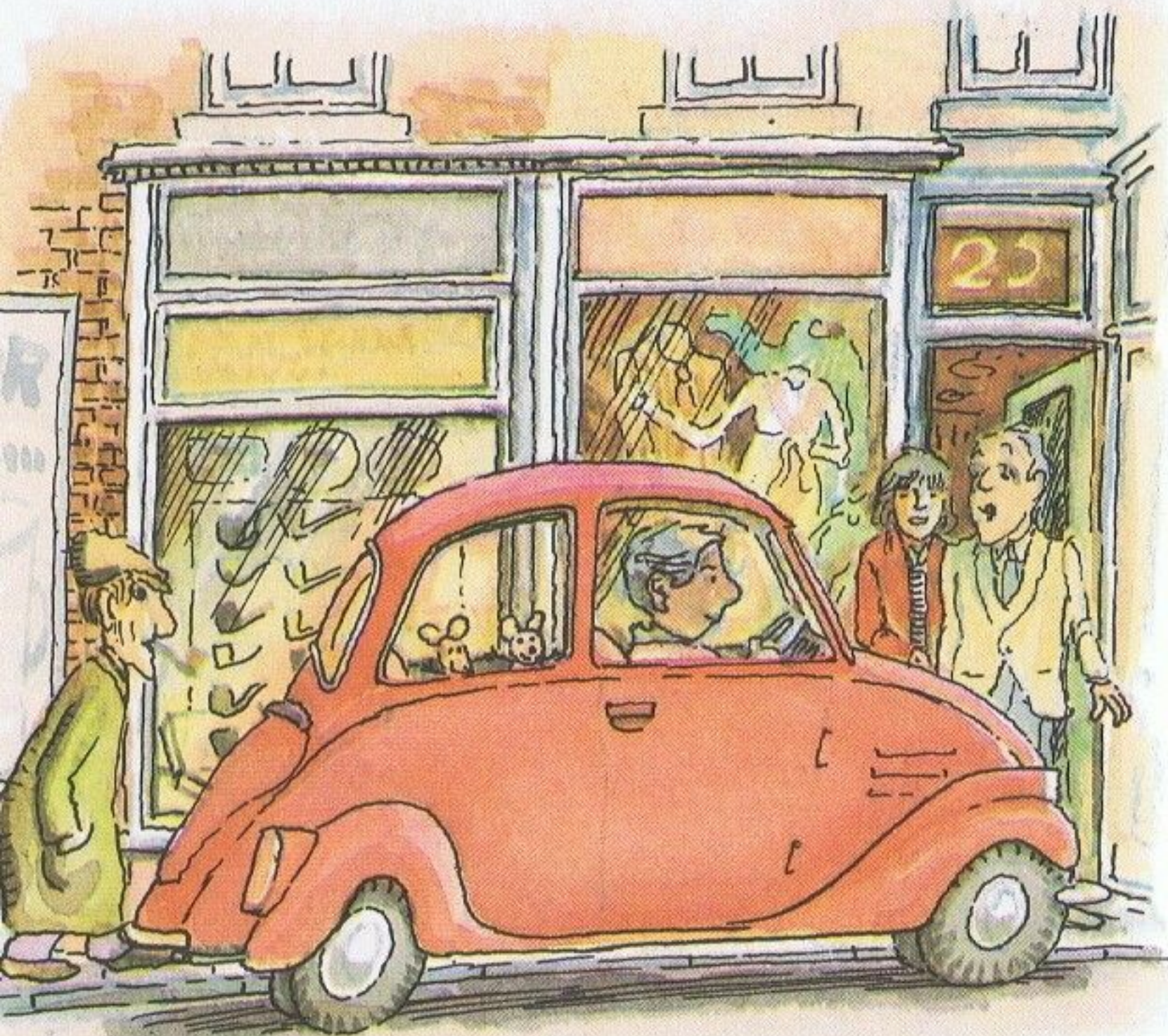
“Look,” he says. “We
can go to the town in
this car.”



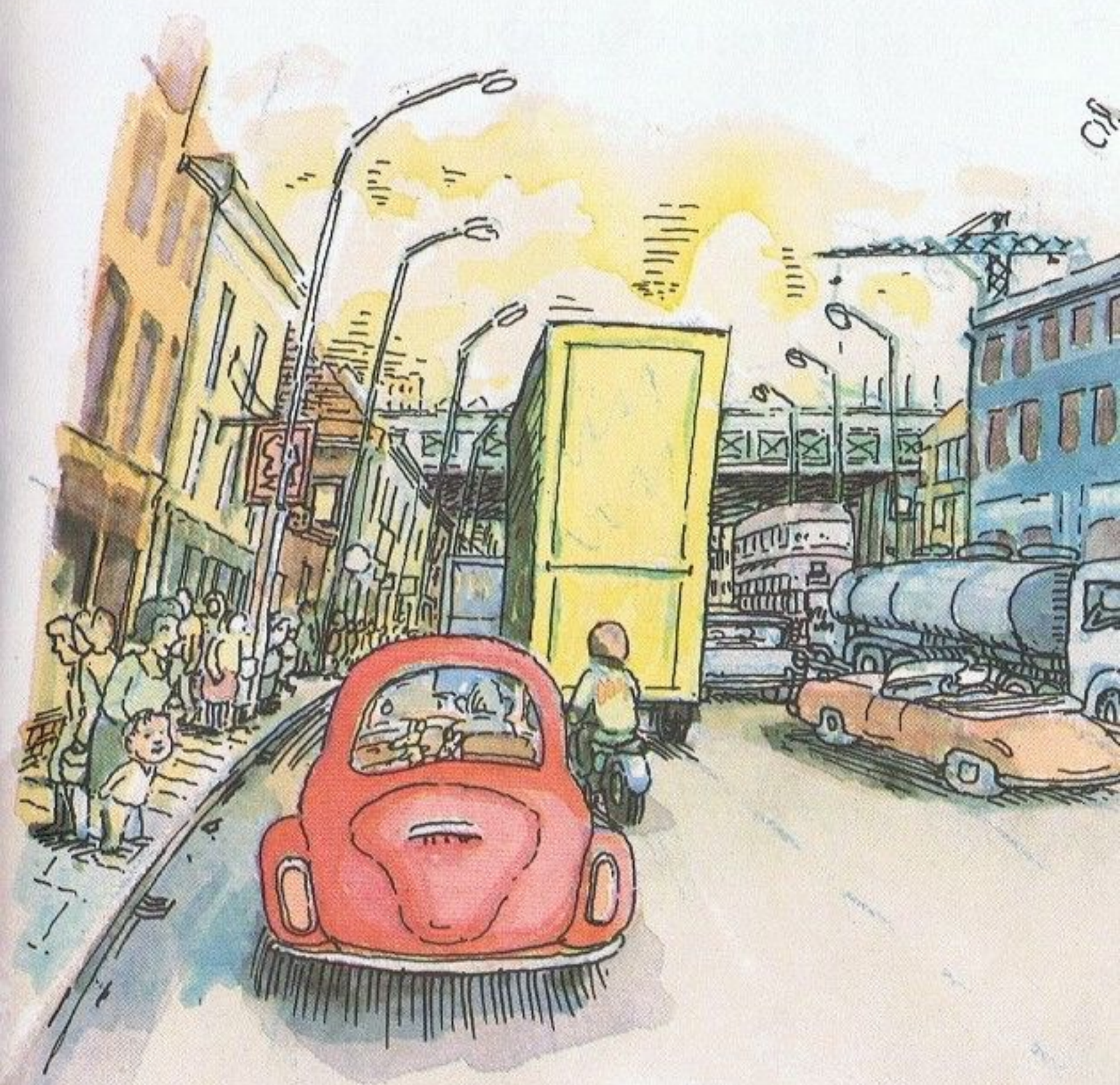


They jump into the
car.

The car goes to the town. Country Mouse sees the shops.



He sees the cars. It
is not quiet in the
town. It is noisy.



Town Mouse says,
"I like the town.
I don't live in a tree.
I live in a house."



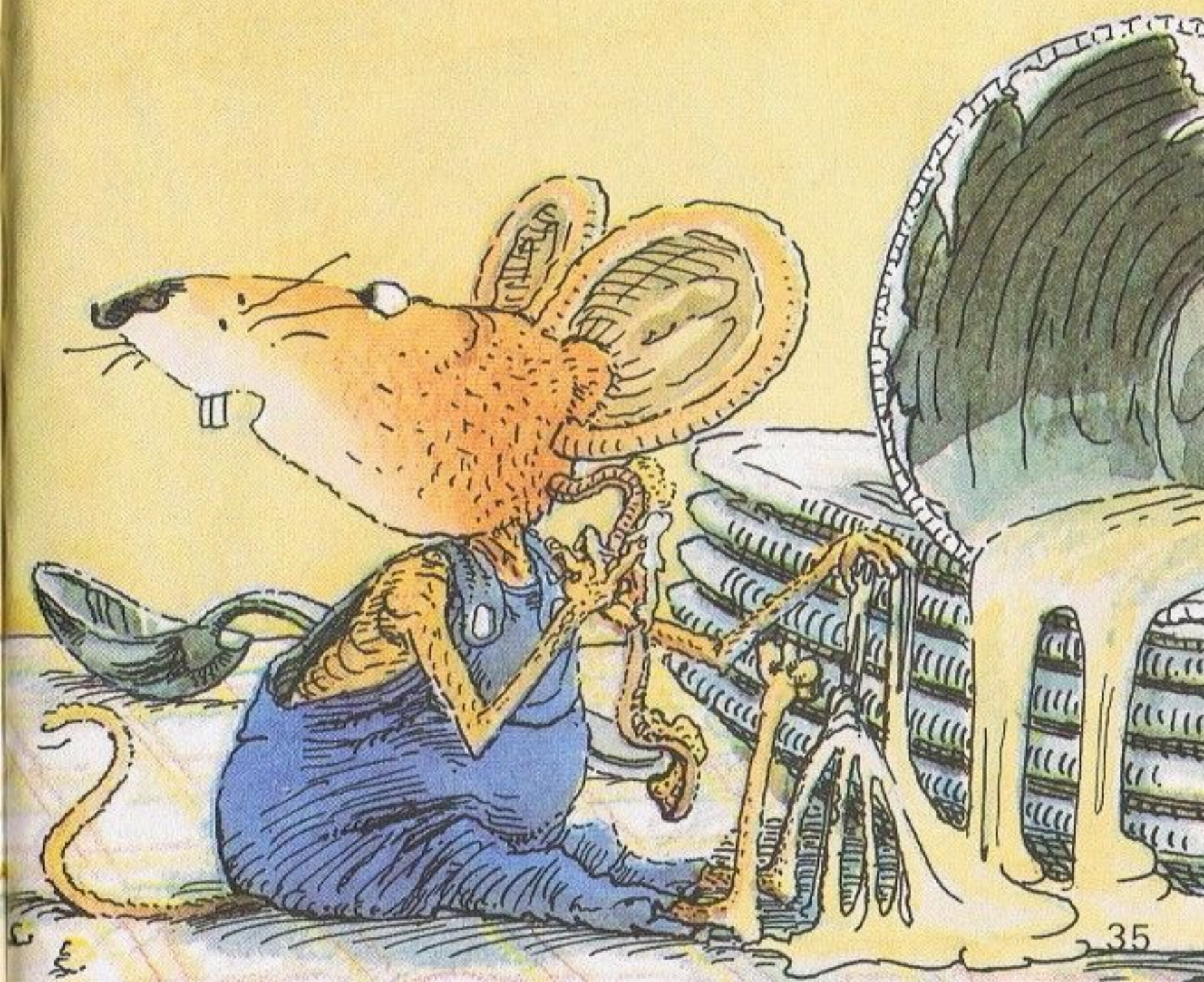


You'll be happy here,
Country Mouse."

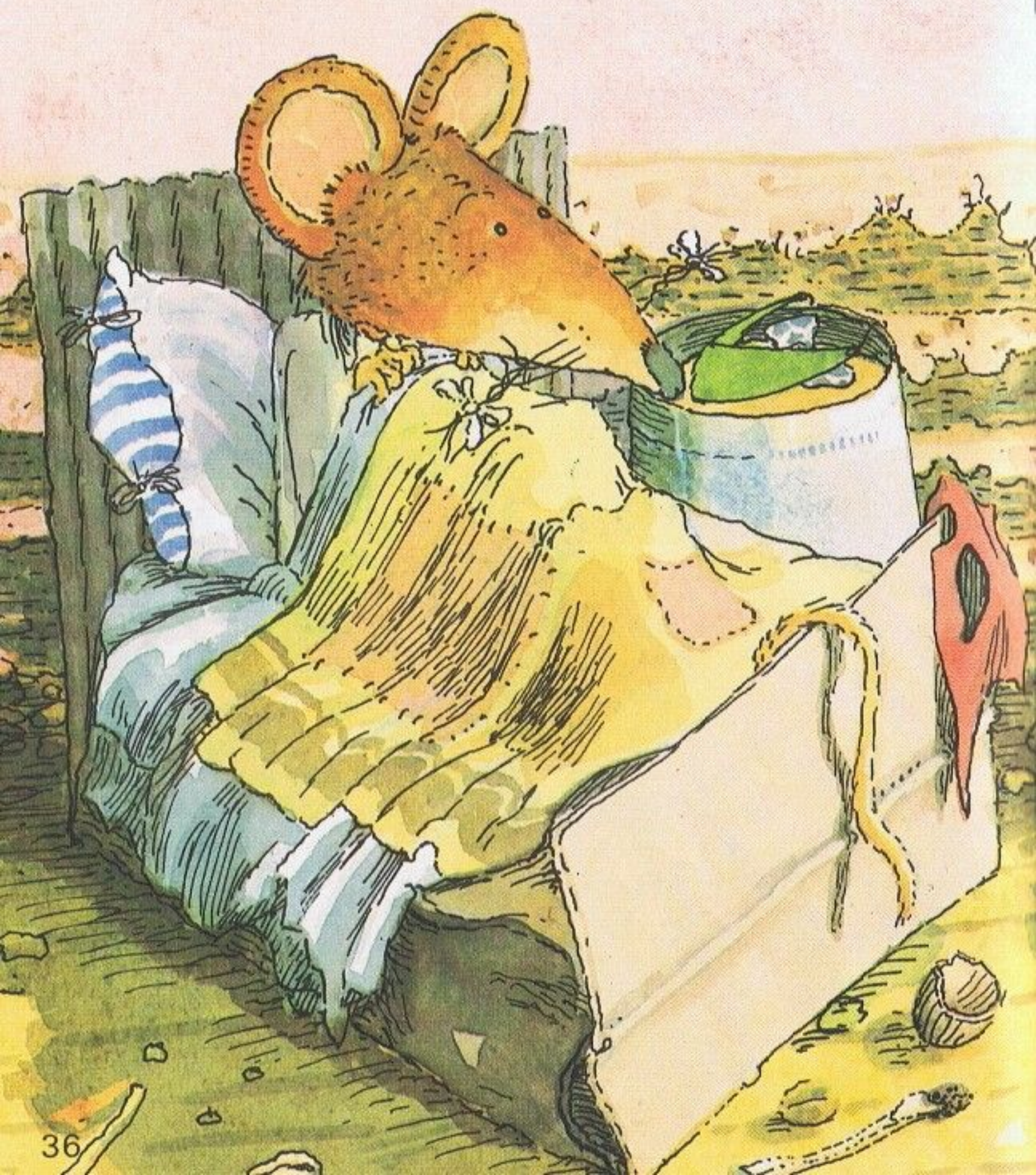
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Mouse have supper.



Country Mouse says,
"I don't like this food.
It isn't like the
food in the country."



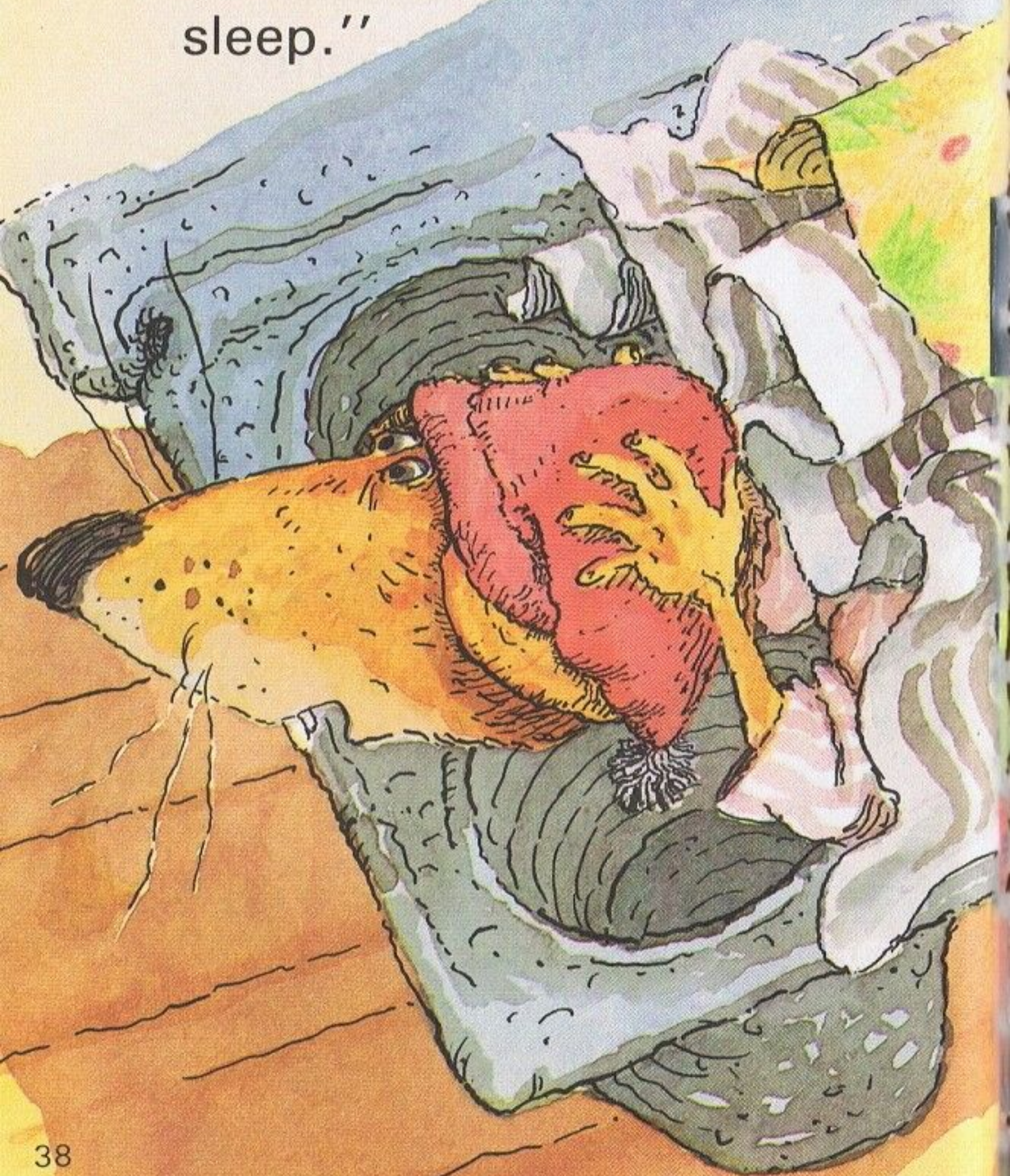
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Country Mouse says,
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bed. It isn't like
my bed in the country."

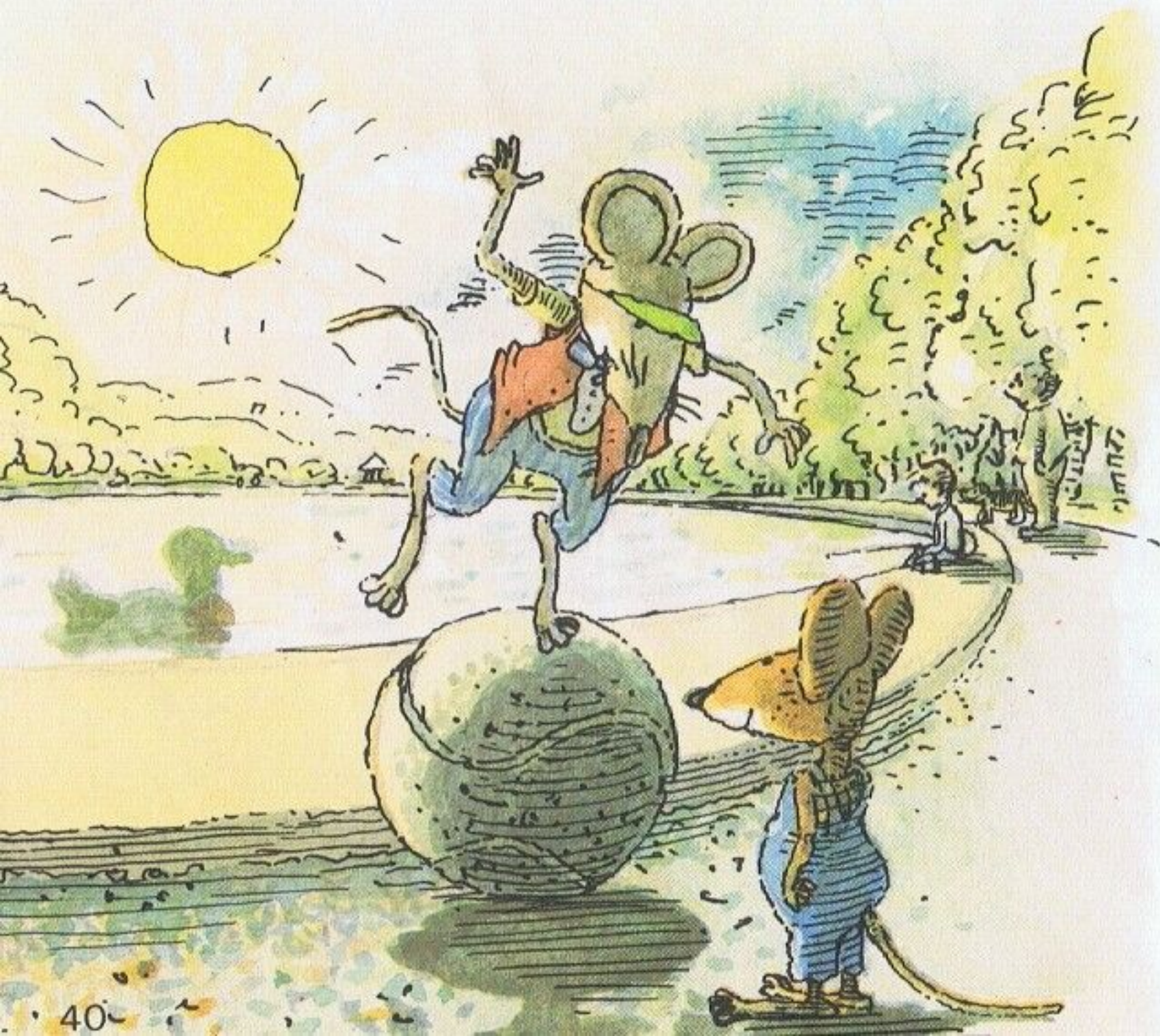


Country Mouse tells
Town Mouse, "It's too
noisy here. I can't
sleep."

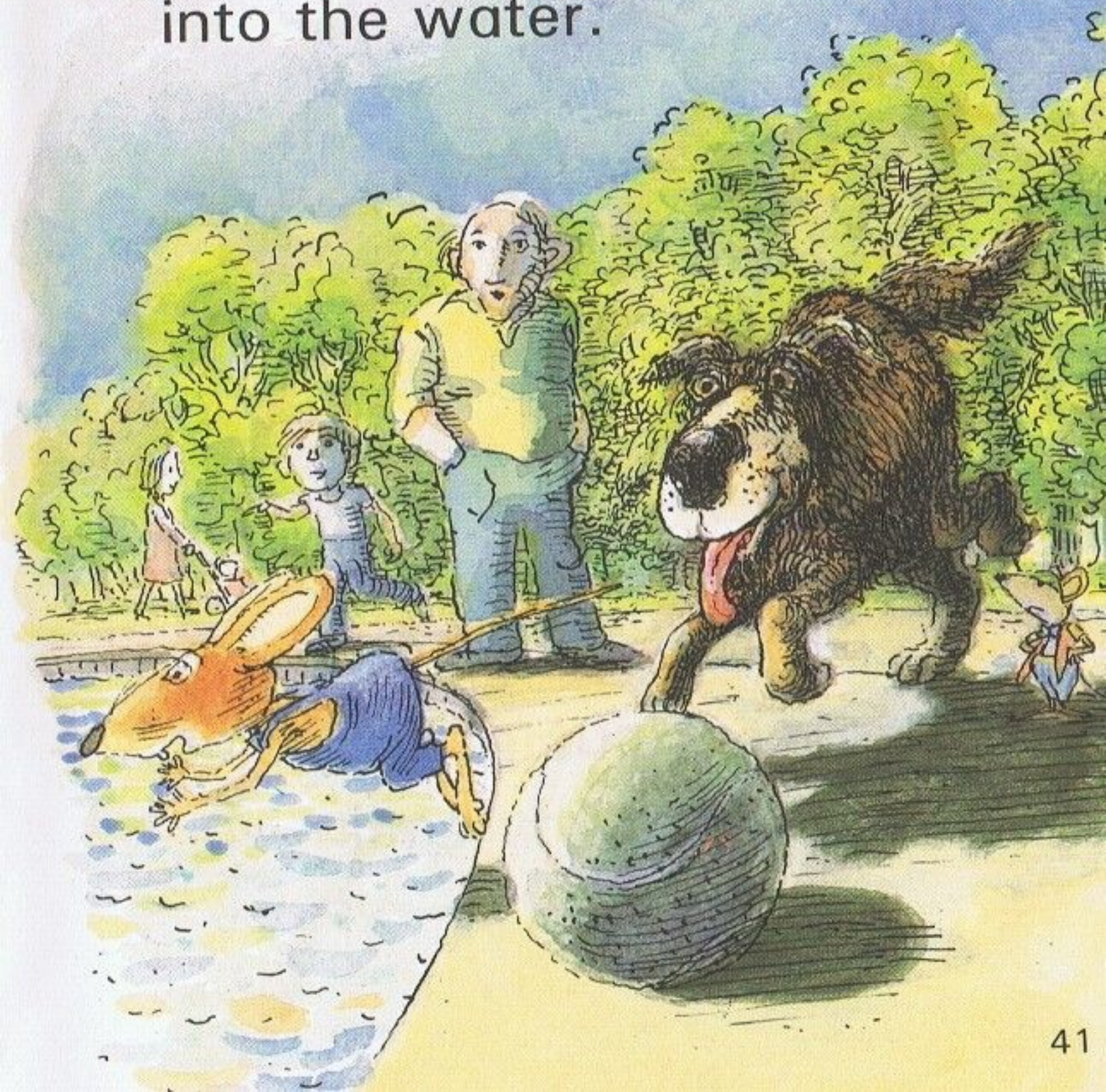


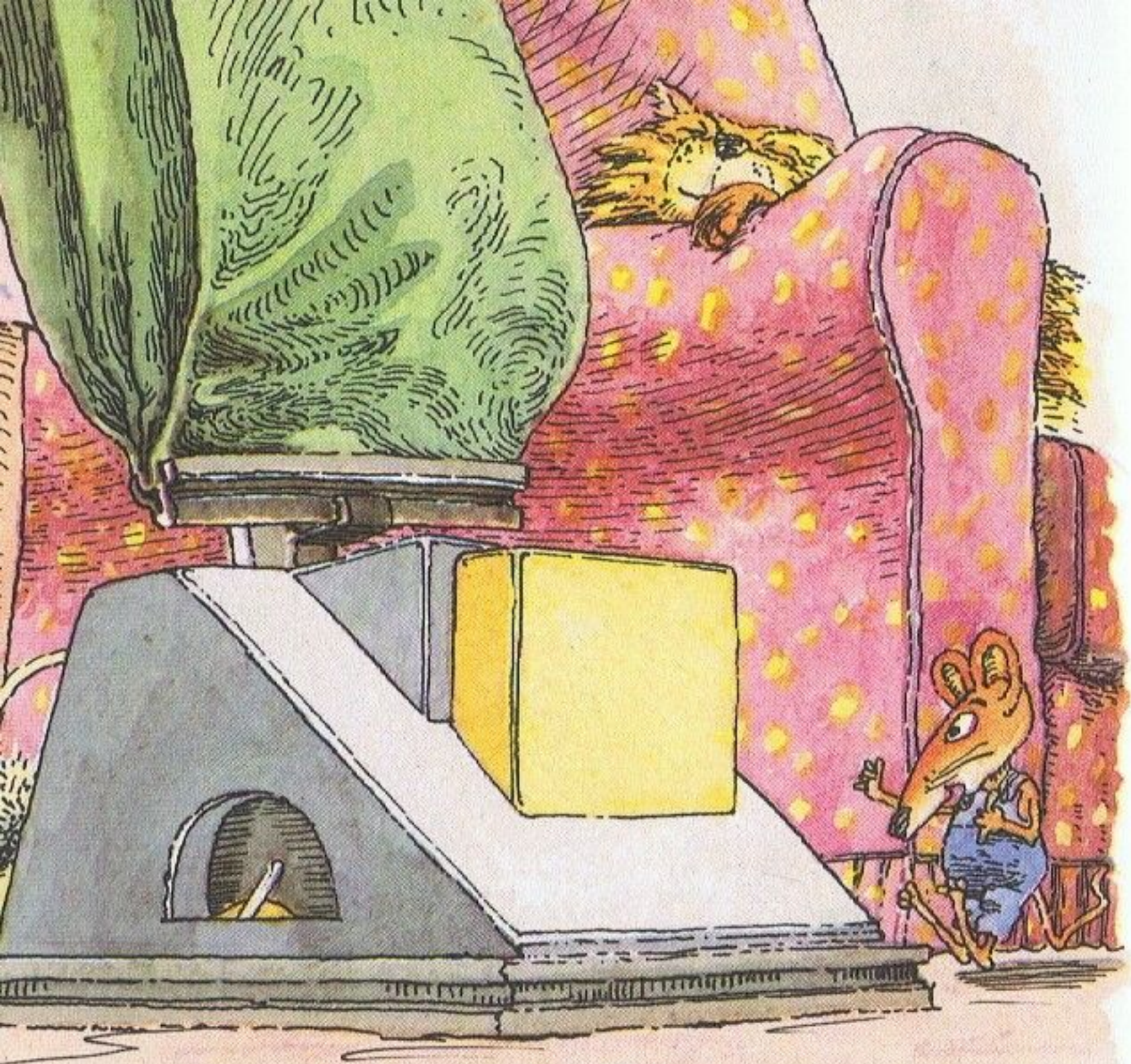


The next day Town
Mouse and Country
Mouse go to the park.
They play with a ball.
They are happy.



Then Country Mouse sees
a dog. The dog wants
their ball. Country
Mouse is afraid. He
runs away. He jumps
into the water.





Country Mouse sees a
carpet cleaner in the
house. He is afraid.
He runs away again.



“Come into this hole,
Country Mouse!” Town
Mouse says. “Hurry!
Hurry!”



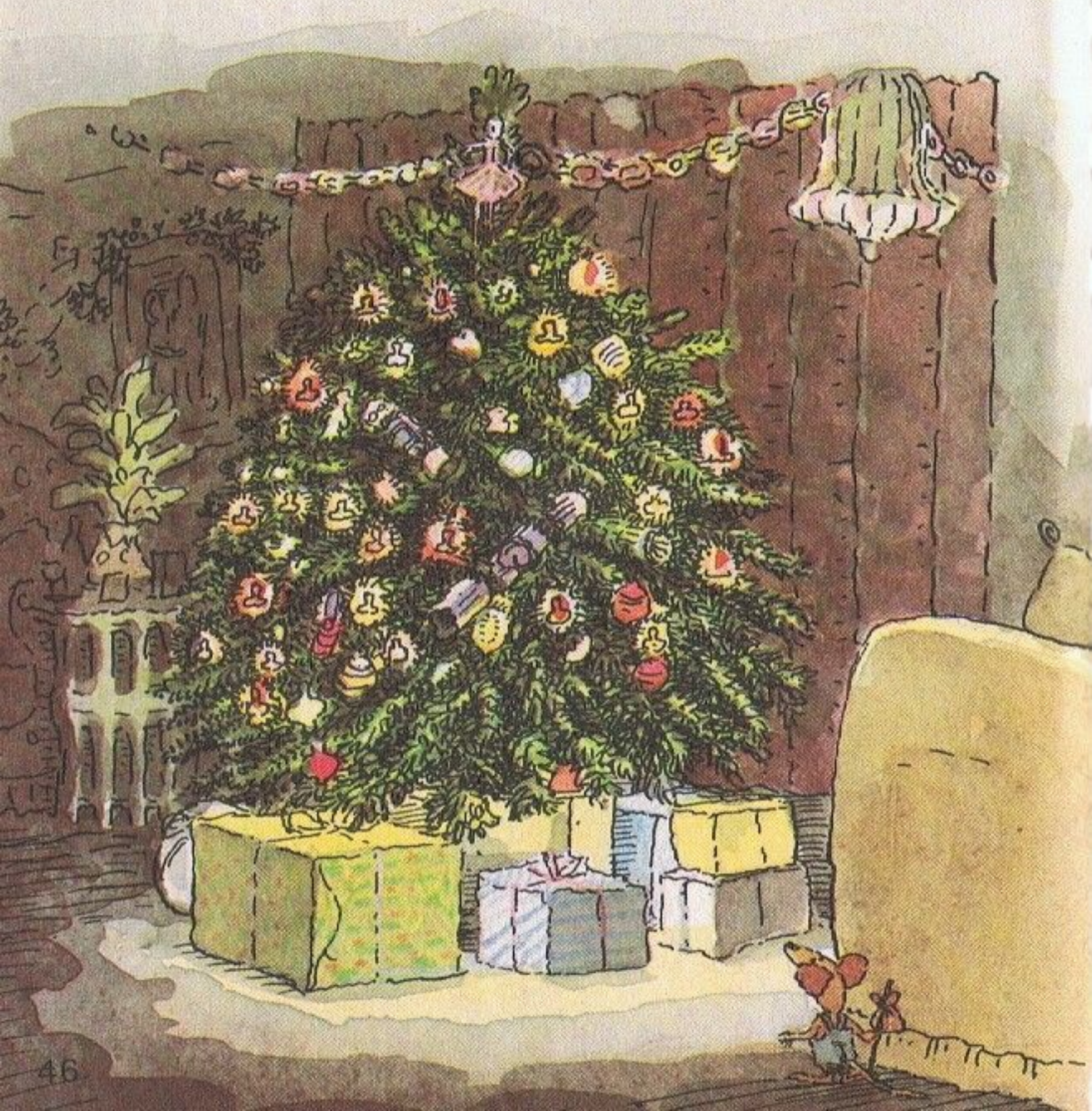
This cat wants to
catch Town Mouse and
Country Mouse. They
are in the hole.



Country Mouse says,
"I don't like the town.
I want to go home."



Country Mouse sees a
Christmas tree and
some Christmas parcels.

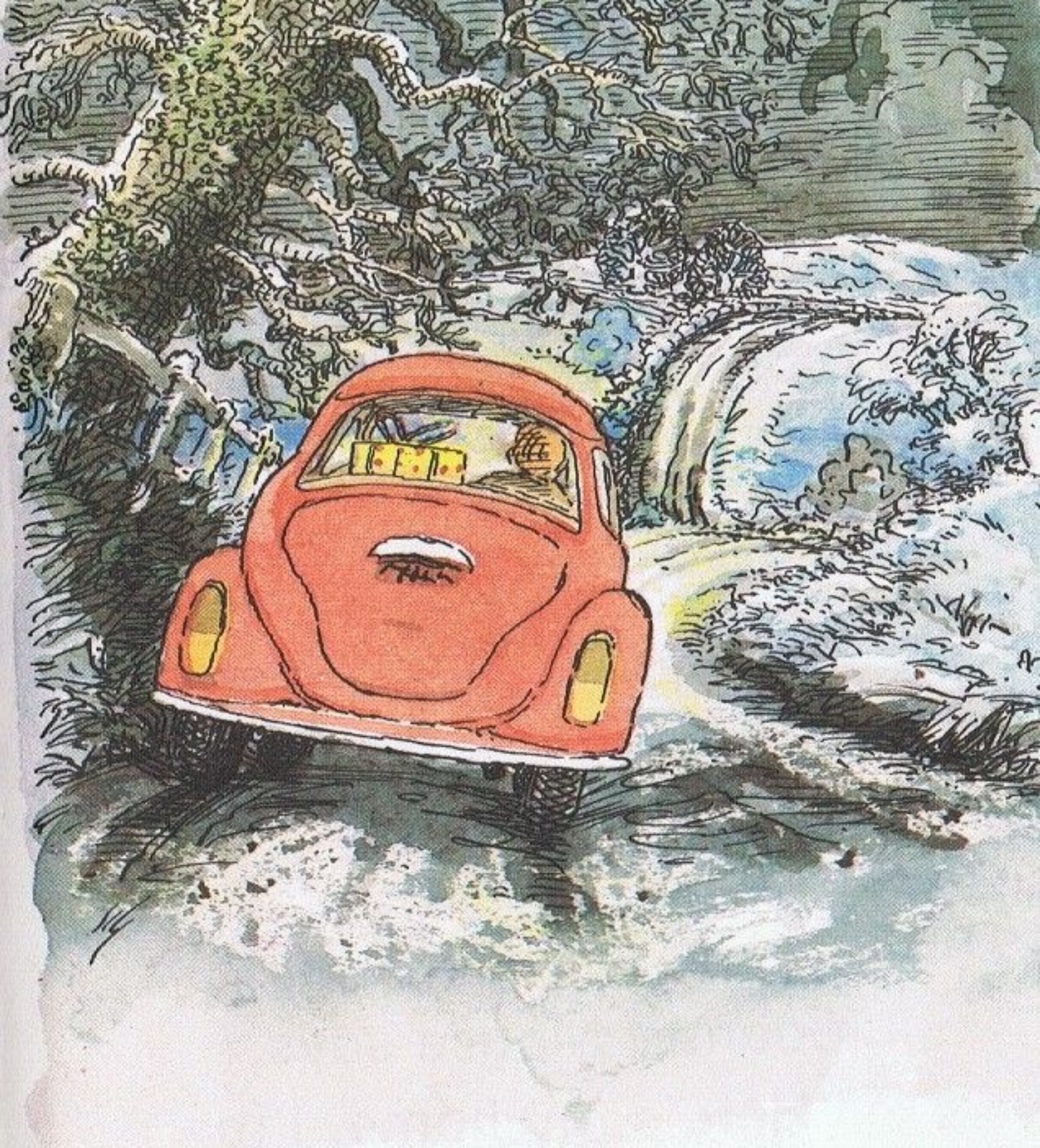


“Look,” Town Mouse says.
“This parcel is going
to the country. It’s
going near your home.
You can go home
inside the parcel.”



The parcel is in a
car. Country Mouse
is inside the parcel.

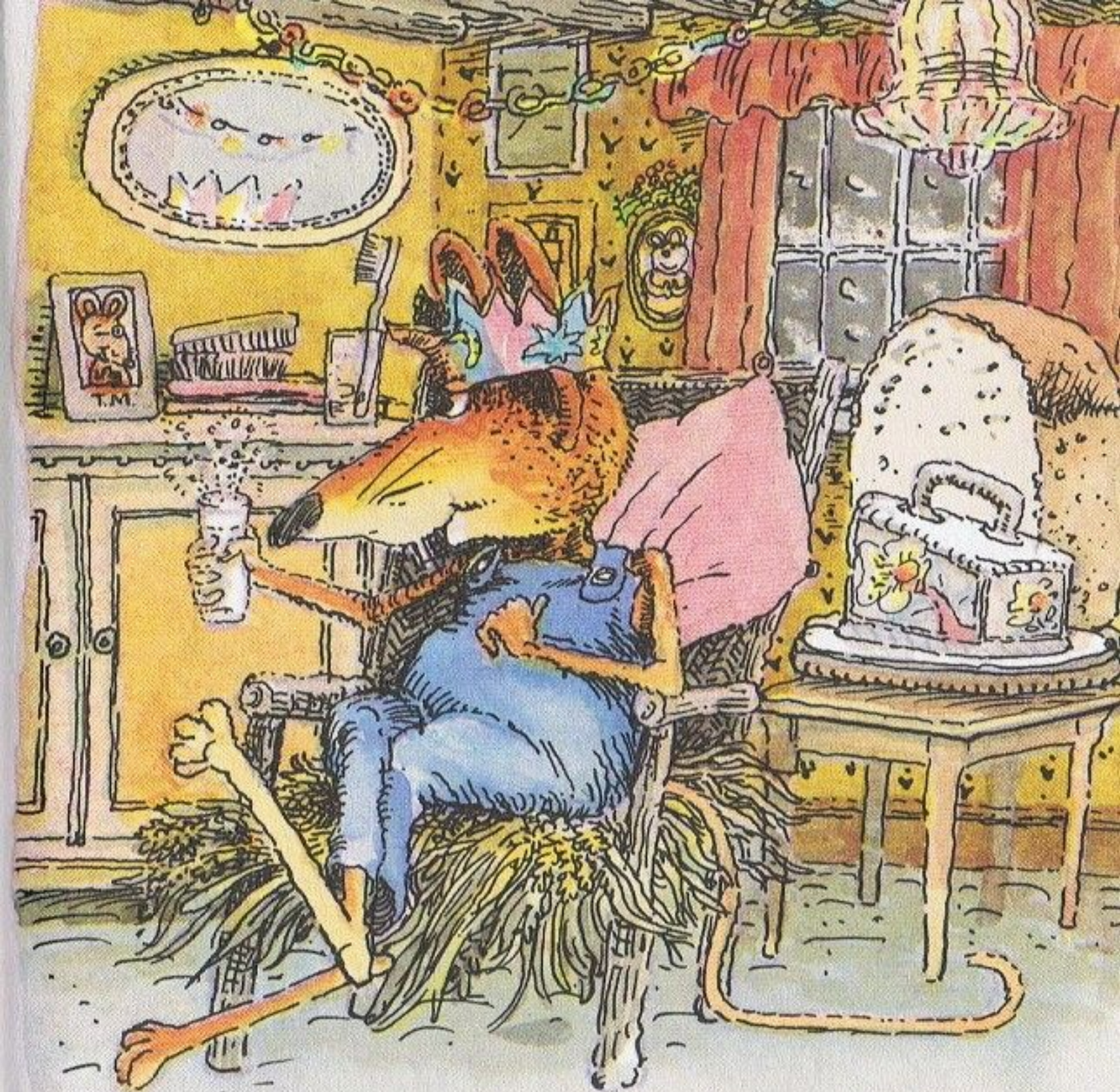




The car goes to the
country.

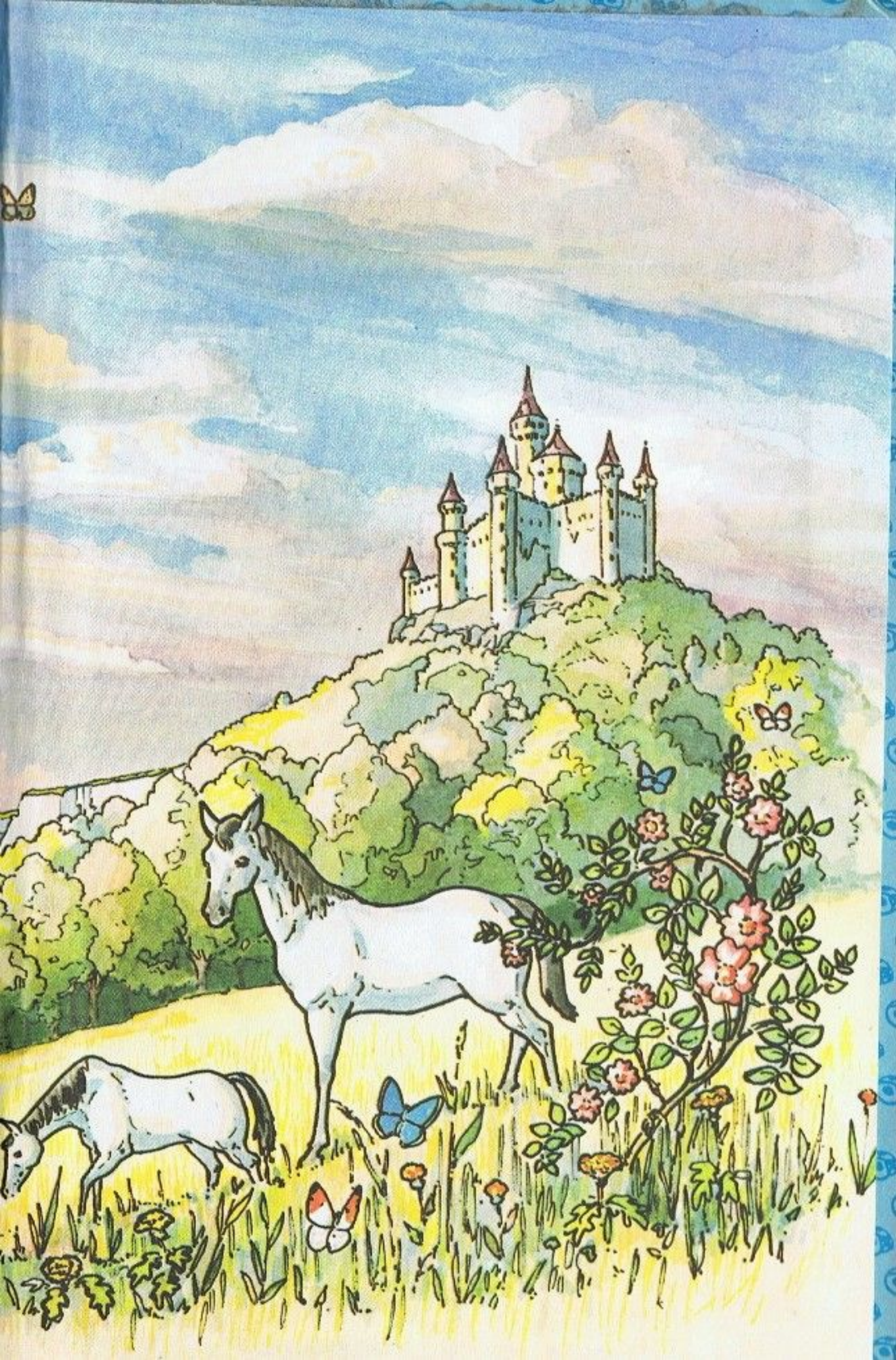


Country Mouse says,
"Here's my home. I'm
happy in the country.
I don't like the town."



I'm a country mouse
not a town mouse."





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The vocabulary and grammatical structures used at each grade have been carefully selected to encourage children to start reading in English as soon as possible. Pre-recorded cassettes are also available.

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Goldilocks and the
Three Bears
Billy Goats Gruff
Hansel and Gretel
The Elves and the
Shoemaker
The Sly Fox and Red Hen

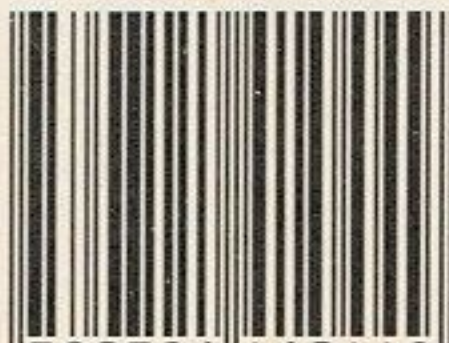
GRADE 2 (Blue)

Town Mouse and
Country Mouse
The Ugly Duckling
Three Little Pigs
Red Riding Hood
Peter and the Wolf
Rapunzel

A parent/teacher leaflet giving details of vocabulary and grammar used at each grade is also available.

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